



‘Before the Easter Break.....’

MATHS – MR TAYLOR

On the last Thursday of term Mr Taylor’s maths class had a contest. The contest was to see who could package an egg so that it would survive when dropped from a great height! It was so exciting and nerve wracking to see who had made the best packaging for their egg.

And the winner was.....



YEAR 8 – KEW GARDENS

Year 8 went to Kew Gardens this week; it was really good. We went in to an indoor rainforest as we are learning about how things live.

We looked at all the trees, and learned about the products we get from the rainforest, like cocoa, rubber, and vanilla.

Then we visited the aquarium that was really good, there were a lot of fish and other animals that were really interesting.

After that we went to the tree top walk, which was about 25 metres high. It was a great day.

By Charlie Ruskin



YEAR 3 – MAYANS

Year 3 have been learning about the history of the Mayans.



On Thursday 23rd March, Year 3 had a visit from an archaeologist who had spent many years researching about Maya life and culture.



We had a go at being archaeologists, carefully searching through each layer to find different types of material that would typically be found in a Maya excavation. We made many finds, some modern and some from hundreds of years ago!



We also had a chance to try on traditional Maya clothes and play Maya games. We had a look at a traditional Maya house and compared it to modern British houses. Trying our hands at grinding some maize was lots of fun and a little messy too!! We had a great time being archaeologists and finding out so much about the Mayans!



PARENTS & PROFESSIONALS EVENING

You are cordially invited to a talk on the development of numerical cognition and mathematics teaching. Taking place in the hall at Lambeth Road on Wednesday 3rd May.

Time: 5.30pm to 8.00pm

Number Sense: What it is and how to get it.

Children's difficulties with mathematics have traditionally been left on the side lines and received less attention than difficulties with literacy. This is changing and in recent years there has been a new focus on understanding and tackling the causes of numeracy failure; also equipping teachers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to teach maths well and in a way that is in tune with children's minds.

Batul Daulby, Educational Psychologist, will outline how numerical cognition typically develops in children and the cognitive processes that enable us to think with numbers. She will also look at what can go wrong on the road to becoming numerate, resulting in lifelong difficulties with numbers. Key differences between the issues dyslexic learners encounter with maths and the more profound 'number blindness' that is the core characteristic of dyscalculia will be explained.

Members of the Fairley House School teaching and therapies teams will then bring the theoretical concepts to life with videos, illustrating the school's transdisciplinary, holistic approach to teaching mathematics and building the number sense of children with specific learning difficulties so they grow up as confident mathematicians.

Junior Department Star Badges:

Due to the short week there were no STAR's announced this week.

Junior Department Top PHP Scorers

This week's top credit scorers are:

Due to the short week there were no TOP SCORERS announced this week.

Senior Department Top Credit Scorers

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Reminders...

Procedure for Absence/Lates/Going home arrangements

If your child is ill, please remember to let the school know by the latest 8:20am. Form Group Registers will be taken by 8:40am and so absences will need to be known by this time.

Lambeth Road: 020 7630 3789

Causton Street: 020 7976 5456

You can email absences, if you prefer:

Pat (LR) Junior@fairleyhouse.org.uk

Alison (CS) aw@fairleyhouse.org.uk

Children arriving late at **both schools** must report to the **Main Entrance** not the pupils' entrance, where the School Secretary will receive them.

If there are any changes to how your child is to travel home, please do let us know in advance (at the contact details above) – **if it is going to be at short notice, we would need to know by 3.15pm at the latest.**

Dates for the Diary...

Year 5 Trip Meeting

Wednesday 26th April

Mr Bentall will be holding a meeting for the Year 5 parents to discuss the upcoming Year 5 Trip. Starting at 3.45pm in the hall at Lambeth Road.

Year 6 – Museum Visit

Friday 28th April

Year 6 will visit the Transport for London Museum for the morning. **They will require a packed lunch** but will be back in school for afternoon lessons.

Parents' and Professions' Evening

Wednesday 3rd May

Taking place in the hall at Lambeth Road starting at 5.30pm